

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

20-CR-0220

Thomas Blaha,

Defendant.

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DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION

According to my review of the electronic database maintained by the Department of Justice, Notice of Criminal Forfeiture was posted on an official government internet site (www.forfeiture.gov) for at least 30 consecutive days, beginning on July 26, 2022 and ending on August 24, 2022 as required by 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), and evidenced by Attachment 1.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 29th, 2022.

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, CRIMINAL DIVISION
COURT CASE NUMBER: CR-20-0220; NOTICE OF FORFEITURE**

Notice is hereby given that on July 14, 2022, in the case of U.S. v. Thomas Blaha, Court Case Number CR-20-0220, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York entered an Order condemning and forfeiting the following property to the United States of America:

All right, title, and interest in (i) one Lenovo laptop with serial number PF01ZPC8; (ii) one Samsung cellular phone with serial number R3CM709YQ5K; (iii) one iPad Pro with serial number DLXXP9HHK7RG; (iv) one MOBL hard drive with serial number MD2120GBFFSBSIL; (v) one Patriot Memory USB flash drive; (vi) one PNY SD card; (vii) one SanDisk Micro SD card; and (viii) one Kingston Micro SD card, (20-ICE-000763), which were all seized from the defendant on or about December 18, 2019, from a premise located on Meadow Street in Garden City, NY.

The United States hereby gives notice of its intent to dispose of the forfeited property in such manner as the United States Attorney General may direct. Any person, other than the defendant(s) in this case, claiming interest in the forfeited property must file an ancillary petition within 60 days of the first date of publication (July 26, 2022) of this Notice on this official government internet web site, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1). The ancillary petition must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, 100 Federal Plaza, Central Islip, NY 11722, and a copy served upon Assistant United States Attorney Madeline O'Connor, 610 Federal Plaza, 5th Floor, Central Islip, NY 11722. The ancillary petition shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in the forfeited property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title and interest in the forfeited property and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n).

Following the Court's disposition of all ancillary petitions filed, or if no such petitions are filed, following the expiration of the period specified above for the filing of such ancillary petitions, the United States shall have clear title to the property and may warrant good title to any subsequent purchaser or transferee.

The government may also consider granting petitions for remission or mitigation, which pardon all or part of the property from the forfeiture. A petition must include a description of your interest in the property supported by documentation; include any facts you believe justify the return of the property; and be signed under oath, subject to the penalty of perjury, or meet the requirements of an unsworn statement under penalty of perjury. See 28 U.S.C. Section 1746. For the regulations pertaining to remission or mitigation of the forfeiture, see 28 C.F.R. Sections 9.1 - 9.9. The criteria for remission of the forfeiture are found at 28 C.F.R. Section 9.5(a). The criteria for mitigation of the forfeiture are found at 28 C.F.R. Section 9.5(b). The petition for remission need not be

made in any particular form and may be filed online or in writing. You should file a petition for remission not later than 11:59 PM EST 30 days after the date of final publication of this notice. See 28 C.F.R. Section 9.3(a). The <https://www.forfeiture.gov/FilingPetition.htm> website provides access to a standard petition for remission form that may be mailed and the link to file a petition for remission online. If you cannot find the desired assets online, you must file your petition for remission in writing by sending it to Assistant United States Attorney Madeline O'Connor, 610 Federal Plaza, 5th Floor, Central Islip, NY 11722. This website provides answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about filing a petition for remission. You may file both an ancillary petition with the court and a petition for remission or mitigation.



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